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↑ ABSTRACT


In the presence of on-chip multithreading, a Virtual Machine (VM) implementation can readily take advantage of *service threads* for enhancing performance by performing tasks such as profile collection and analysis, dynamic optimization, and garbage collection concurrently with program execution. In this context, a hardware-assisted profiling mechanism is proposed. The *Relational Profiling Architecture* (RPA) is designed from the top down. RPA is based on a relational model similar to the relational database model. Instructions selected for profiling produce a record of information. A simple *query engine* examines these records for patterns, and performs simple actions on matching records.



The power and flexibility of RPA is demonstrated by developing a concurrent generational garbage collector for Java. Detailed execution driven simulations show that this collector has an average runtime overhead of approximately 0.6%. The short pauses in the application required for synchronization with the garbage collector are at most 54 microseconds, given a 1GHz clock frequency.

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